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KDHE LAUNCHES STATEWIDE TOBACCO QUITLINE



The Kansas Department of Health & Environment Tobacco Use Prevention Program is launching a new resource to help Kansas tobacco users quit. The 24-hour a day, toll-free Kansas Tobacco Quitline (**1-866-KAN-STOP**) offers tobacco users a confidential and convenient way to access immediate help when they are ready to stop using tobacco or need support to remain tobacco-free.

Experienced cessation specialists answer the Quitline and work with the caller to conduct a personalized analysis of their tobacco use habit and then develop a customized Quit Plan to help them succeed in becoming tobacco free. The one-on-one telephone counseling sessions are scheduled at times convenient for the caller and all services are free. The counselors are trained in addiction and mental health assessment, crisis managements and referral and are backed 24 hours a day by a team of social workers, psychologists, nurse practitioners and psychiatrists.

The Kansas Tobacco Quitline is also designed to assist physicians and health care providers work with their tobacco using patients. Health care providers can call the Quitline to obtain office materials that can be shared with patients

For tobacco users seeking help online, the Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program is also

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launching an online smoking cessation program, <http://www.kanstop.org>. Kanstop users can access resources such as quitting guides to help plan a quitting strategy, referrals to local programs and information about medications that can help end the addiction.

The Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program provides resources and technical assistance to community coalitions for development, enhancement and evaluation of state and local initiatives to prevent morbidity and mortality from tobacco use addiction. For additional information about the

Kansas Tobacco Quitline contact the Kansas Tobacco Use Prevention Program at 877-602-0368.



IN MEMORY OF JUDY RICHEY



Judy Richey, ARNP, Administrator of the five SEK Multi-County Health Departments, (Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Linn & Woodson) died Friday, November 14, 2003 at the Research Medical Center in Kansas City, MO.

Judy was raised in the Ionia area and graduated from high school at Esbon. She received her nursing degree at Marymount College in Salina. Survivors include her husband, Charles, a daughter, Jennifer and a son, Craig and his wife, Crystal, four grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Humboldt. Judy will be sadly missed by her family, friends, co-workers, and her community.

Condolence cards may be addressed to the Allen SEK-Multi County Health Dept., 221 S. Jefferson. P.O. Box 304, Iola, KS 66749-0304.



REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central KS: Next meeting is December 3, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson.

North Central: Next meeting is scheduled from 9:00am-3pm on December 2, 2003, at Midland Hotel, Wilson. RSVP for lunch at dwhitmer@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Northeast: Next meeting December 11, 2003, at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

Northwest: Next meeting is December 11, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please RSVP to Georgetta for a lunch count at 785-672-4502 or email at lgcohdgeorgetta@colbyweb.com.

South Central Coalition: Next meeting is December 5, 2003, in Greensburg. Contact Mitzi Hesser for details at 620-723-2136.

Southeast: Next meeting is February 5, 2004, from 10am-3pm at the Holiday Par Motel in Chanute.

Southwest: Meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2004, from 9am-3pm (location to be announced).

Public Health Personnel Update

Sylvia Burns, RN - is the new administrator of the Leavenworth County Health Department. Sylvia graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1964. She has work experience in pediatrics, labor & delivery, ICU, med-surg and public health. Sylvia started working at the Leavenworth County Health Department in October of 1988. She worked as a staff nurse, Assistant Director, and started the Well-Child Program at the health department in 1989. Sylvia has been the interim director/administrator three times since June 2002 and was appointed Director of Nursing during that time frame.

NEWS BRIEFS

Computer Training Project Launched

During the last year, representatives from KDHE, KALHD, and the KU School Of Medicine-Wichita, along with staff from the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development, have worked toward the goal of providing basic computer skills training to local health department workers statewide.

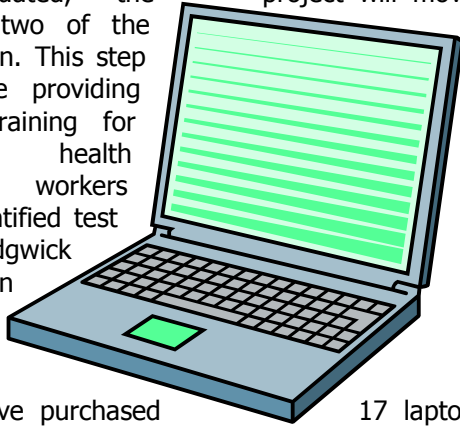
The first step toward reaching that goal has officially begun. During the next week, all local health departments will be receiving information regarding this project, along with step-by-step instruction for accessing an electronic computer skills assessment available at <http://www.proveit.com>. This electronic assessment is different from other self-assessments because it actually simulates the software being tested. For example, instead of passing out a piece of paper that asks the individual if he or she understands how to save an Excel workbook, the individual must go through the process of saving the workbook while taking the test.

Because it is important to tailor the curriculum specifically to individual worker's needs, all



personnel in each local health department statewide are asked to voluntarily complete the electronic software assessment. For the first phase of this training project, skills tests for MS Outlook, Excel and Word will be administered. Although it will not be mandatory to complete these tests, a high completion rate will give an accurate picture of what training is needed by workers.

After the results of the assessment are compiled and evaluated, the project will move into step two of the training plan. This step will include providing software training for local health department workers at two identified test sites (Sedgwick and Lyon County).



The Heartland Centers have purchased 17 laptop computers that will be used to set up a mobile computer lab at each location. Each software training will be divided into three sets of skill levels. For example, there will be basic, intermediate and advanced Word, Excel and Outlook courses. The trainings will be customized to include public health issues.

After this step is complete, the committee will review the effectiveness of the curriculum and make any necessary modifications. The plan is to complete the assessment and the test site trainings before the end of this year. At that point, basic classes (MS Outlook, Word and Excel) will be provided free for all workers statewide. The trainings will be provided at regional locations across the state.

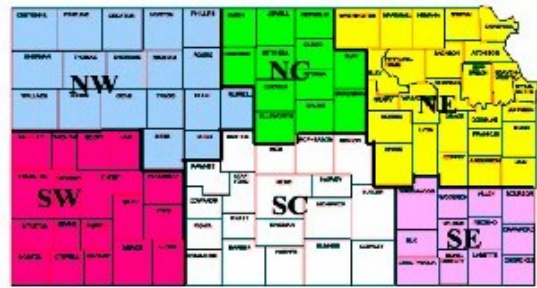
For more information regarding this project, contact Julie Oler-Manske at jolerman@kumc.edu or 316-293-2626.

State and Local Officials Call 'Oktoberfest' Exercises a Big Success

Six regional bioterrorism preparedness exercises held across Kansas in October have been termed a big success by state and local officials. Over 1,100 participants put state and local bioterrorism plans to the test during "Oktoberfest – An Exercise in Terror."

The exercises, conducted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Bioterrorism Program, were funded by a Department of Justice, Office of Domestic

Preparedness grant made available through the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP).



"The Oktoberfest exercises were a successful springboard to prepare us for statewide drills planned for mid-2004," said Mindee Reece, State Bioterrorism Director. "Participating agencies got a real taste of the cooperation it will take to effectively respond to a public health crisis in Kansas."

The regional exercises, held in Salina, Topeka, Hays, Garden City, Wichita and Parsons gave local public health and safety officials the chance to practice their response to a bioterrorism scenario customized for each area. The scenario involved the intentional spread of an infectious disease by a fictitious terrorist group during a local festival in each region.

A traffic accident involving a truck carrying a pesticide was included to test each region's ability to respond to an incident involving hazardous materials. The scenario was designed to also test the interaction between local authorities and state and federal agencies.

Designed as a plan review exercise, participants were able to explore the interface of the various local response plans and identify the coordination efforts necessary to respond to a major health emergency. The exercises were organized to gauge strengths and identify priorities for system improvements and also highlighted roles, responsibilities and authorities for responding to a major health emergency. Participants were challenged to think beyond their current capabilities and to identify regional approaches for managing the simulated events as they unfolded.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office joined KDHE and KHP as state agencies participating in the simulated exercises. The Kansas Hospital Association and the



Kansas Funeral Directors Association also participated.

Local participants included hospitals, local health departments, emergency managers, law enforcement agencies, fire/EMS departments and city/county government officials.

According to Cindy Samuelson, Kansas Hospital Association Vice President, "These exercises allowed Kansas hospitals to not only put their bioterrorism plans to the test, but to also establish or strengthen working relationships with the other key players in their counties and regions. I think it was very beneficial to all of the participants across the state."

EIDQA Award

Kansas Immunization Program Announces Awards at Annual Conference

The Annual Kansas Immunization Program Conference was held November 12-14th in Wichita Kansas. Several Kansas County Health Departments received the "Electronic Immunization Data Quality Assurance Award" (EIDQA) at this time. To be eligible for this award, Local Health Departments had to be on the KIPHS (Kansas Integrated Public Health System) or have a signed contract to do so by September 1, 2002 with the project goals being as follows:

1. Check for data accuracy based in the KIPHS (Kansas Integrated Public Health System) prior to linking it with the State Immunization Registry.
2. Improve clinic services and raise immunization rates in their county.

The incentive award was granted to those health departments who met the following criteria:

1. Attended the regional trainings to learn how the Clinic Assessment Software Application (CASA) can be used for quality assurance purposes,
2. Performed CASA, no less than 3 weeks apart, evaluated the CASA reports on a monthly basis, evaluated these reports, areas for possible improvement were identified and interventions put in place.
3. Documented the areas for possible improvement and the interventions taken as the result of using the CASA as a quality assurance tool.

The Immunization Nurse Consultants gathered this information on their yearly visit and forwarded

the information to the Kansas Immunization Program EIDQA committee for review. The counties that received this award:

Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Barber, Bourbon, Brown, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Cloud, Coffey, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Ellsworth, Ford, Franklin, Geary, Gove, Hamilton, Haskell, Harper, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Kearny, Kingman, Labette, Lincoln, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nemaha, Norton, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Seward, Shawnee, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Trego, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Wilson, and Woodson.

Thank you, Great Job and Congratulations to you all!

Funding for Medical Reserve Corps



The **Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department**, **Lawrence, Kay Kent, RN, MS, Administrator/Health Officer**, announced on

November 5, 2003, that they received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit for Douglas County. The primary purpose of a Douglas County MRC will be to recruit and train volunteer health professionals to respond to local public health needs and provide reserve capacity for local emergency response efforts. The Douglas County MRC will enhance and strengthen existing community emergency medical response systems.



The **Reno County Health Department**, **Hutchinson, Judy Seltzer, RN, Director/Health Officer**, announced the health

department received a grant for \$50,000 per year for three years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a Medical Reserve Core unit for Reno County. They will hire a volunteer training coordinator to recruit and train community volunteers to work on **mass** distribution, **mass** care, and emergency preparedness activities.



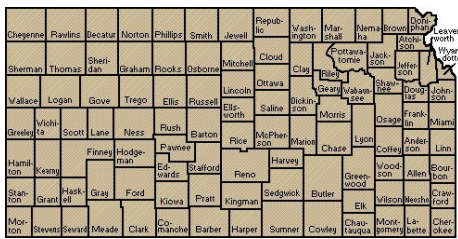


Top 10 States For Refugees

Every state receives an allocation of refugees by the US Department of Health and Human Services, with the following states leading the list with the largest allocations (shown in parentheses) over the past three years.

1. California (26,063)
2. New York (14,049)
3. Washington (12,447)
4. Florida (12,008)
5. Minnesota (8,647)
6. Georgia (6,220)
7. Illinois (5,993)
8. Missouri (5,779)
9. Pennsylvania(5,618)
10. Michigan (5,066)

Health Department Survey



A survey requesting information from the local health departments on staffing and school nursing was sent out in October 2003. Seventy-two counties completed the survey and the results are the following:

39 local health departments employ 1-5 full time staff members

11 local health departments employ 6-10 full time staff members

19 local health departments employ more than 10 full time staff members

33 local health departments employ part time staff as well as full time staff

25 local health department administrators have completed the Kansas Public Health Certificate Program

5 local health department staff members have completed the Kansas Public Health Certificate Program

14 local health department administrators desire to attend the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute

26 local health departments have contracts in place that provide school nursing

12 local health departments have contracts in place that provide only vision and hearing screening to public schools

9 of the 72 local health departments have only 1 nurse employed and they also provide school nursing

Thank you to the 72 local health departments who responded to this survey.

Kansas

Preparing for Foreign Animal Disease Emergencies

by Bill Bider

Director, Bureau of Waste Management

If you have ever driven through southwest Kansas, you know our state contains huge numbers of cattle residing in confined animal feeding operations (called CAFOs). Kansas' largest feedlots, with animal capacities of 50,000 to 125,000 head, are in the southwest; however, there are hundreds of



smaller facilities scattered throughout nearly every Kansas county. According to statewide agricultural statistics, Kansas typically has a few million cattle on feed at any one time in CAFOs and the state's packaging plants commercially process 7 to 8 million head per year. The number of hogs in Kansas numbers about 1.5 million at any one time. These numbers indicate that Kansas would be severely impacted if a contagious disease such as foot and mouth was brought into our state, either accidentally or through an act of bioterrorism.

Recognizing the risks and liabilities of a spreading foreign animal disease to Kansas, major emergency planning activities have been underway for a couple of years led by the Kansas Livestock Commissioner, George Teagarden, and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Numerous other state and local agencies have participated planning and emergency exercises including the Animal Health Department, KBI, KDOT, Wildlife and Parks, the Kansas National Guard, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Health and Environment. Planning for and responding to a rapidly spreading disease requires the coordinated efforts of all of these agencies and affected local parties.

KDHE's role in these emergencies involves decisions related to the disposal of diseased animal carcasses and all other contaminated materials. A

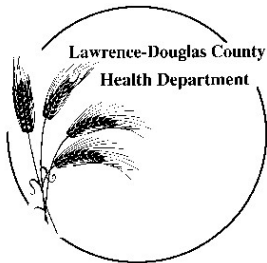
major emergency could result in hundreds of thousands of animals requiring disposal at many facilities scattered over a large part of the state. Other materials that may need to be properly disposed include milk from large corporate dairies and decontamination fluids generated at the gateways to quarantine zones.

KDHE has developed preliminary criteria to use under emergency conditions to select environmentally acceptable burial sites for dead animals. Numerous state databases can be accessed online to determine the best burial site within a close proximity of the animals. Some important criteria to consider when selecting a burial site include the depth to groundwater, local geological conditions, distances to wells and surface water supplies, and distances to inhabited dwellings. Burial decisions would need to balance possible impacts associated with on-site burial and the risks of spreading the disease by moving the cattle away from the site.

To avoid hasty decision-making after an emergency occurs, KDHE has initiated a voluntary program to pre-select burial sites at CAFOs. By studying sites up-front, facility owners and KDHE can work together to identify the best available burial site at or very near each participating CAFO. This process will begin with a series of technical workshops for CAFO owners and local government officials in January 2004 (dates and locations can be found on the BWM web site -- <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste>). CAFOs will be encouraged to pre-select sites following guidelines outlined by KDHE. Then, if an emergency ever occurs, no time will be wasted deciding where to bury dead animals.

If you would like more information about this subject, please contact Ken Powell or Bill Bider with the Bureau of Waste Management (785/296-1612 or bwm_web@kdhe.state.ks.us).

Planner for Medical Reserve Corps



PLANNER needed to develop Medical Reserve Corps volunteer program for Douglas County. Duties involve developing and promoting program, coordinating with other community efforts, and

facilitating work of advisory committee including development of policies and procedures. Must be self-motivated and enthusiastic with strong organizational, planning, and

interpersonal/communication skills. Requires graduation from an accredited college or university and two (2) years experience working with multidisciplinary teams on community-oriented projects/programs. Excellent fringe benefits. Send resume to: Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, 200 Maine, Suite B, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. (785) 843-3060. Open until filled. EOE

Regional Public Health Meeting Survey

Thank you to all the local health departments who responded to the Regional Public Health Meeting Survey. Fifty-two health departments completed the survey. The majority of those responding stated they prefer meetings on a quarterly basis with an every other month schedule coming in second. It was obvious through the results of this survey that the local health departments value the regional meetings and the public health nurse specialists. Forty-five counties said the information presented at the meetings relate to their daily health department operations. We will continue to provide the local health department administrators and staff with pertinent and timely information through the regional public health meetings. - Public Health Nurse Specialists: Jon Anderson, Anita Hodge, Debbie Whitmer.

CONFERENCES

Third International Public Health Conference

PROMOTING GLOBAL HEALTH: SHARING VISIONS AND STRATEGIES

Washburn University, Topeka, KS
July 10, 11, & 12, 2004

The conference will provide a forum to share strategies and innovations in public health nursing through keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, symposia and poster presentation. Internationally renowned speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, American Red Cross and other notable agencies will discuss current global public health issues with visions for future strategies. International nurse clinicians, researchers, educators, and administrators will share a broad perspective of global health with intercultural exchange. Networking opportunities will be enhanced through three evening dinner events, each highlighting a



different aspect of Kansas prairie culture and history. For more information please contact Dr. Ellen Carson, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, Washburn University, at 785-231-1010, ext. 1212, ellen.carson@washburn.edu or see website: <http://www.washburn.edu/nursing-conference>

TRAINING

Medical Interpreter Training Scheduled for Fall



Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Local and Rural Health, will sponsor six medical interpreter-training sessions this coming year. Funding has been provided for these training sessions through the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development, Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, and the KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund. The training sessions are listed below:

NC KANSAS

Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Board Room
Salina, KS
December 8, 9, 15, 16 & 17 from 8:00am-5:00pm

NW KANSAS

Fort Hays State University
Memorial Union, Trails Room
College Drive
Hays, KS 67601
March 22-26, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SC KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room
Wichita, KS 67214
July 15-16 & 21-23, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

SW KANSAS

Western Plains Medical Complex
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)
108 Ross Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
May 10-14, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, e-mail address ekizzie@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training

Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Office of Local & Rural Health, will sponsor four Cultural Competency training sessions this coming year. The KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund is funding the training sessions. Elizabeth



Kizzie and Catherine Anderson are presenting the training sessions from Jewish Vocational Service in Kansas City. Health care providers serve more non-English or limited English-speaking clients each day. The two main barriers providers face are language and culture. The Cultural Competency training sessions will provide you an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include; Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships.

LAWRENCE

January 28 & 29, 2004
8:00am-5:00pm
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
325 Maine, Room "A"
Lawrence, KS 66044

WICHITA

February 11 & 12, 2004
8:00 am-5:00pm
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, "Meadowlark Room"
Wichita, KS 67214

GREAT BEND

April 14 & 15, 2004
8:00am-5:00pm
SRS Building
1305 Patton Road
Great Bend, KS

GARDEN CITY

June 16, & 17, 2004
8:00am-5:00pm
SRS Building
1710 Palace Drive
Garden City, KS 67846

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie or Catherine Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 at 816-471-2808, ext. 142 for

Elizabeth and ext. 124 for Catherine. You may also e-mail Elizabeth at ekizzie@jvskc.org and e-mail Catherine at canders@jvskc.org.

Healthy Start Home Visitor Regional Training 2003



The planned educational topics for this regional HSHV training session will focus on asthma (prevention) and the how to fill out public assistance forms. There is no charge associated with the meetings, however, in the interests of networking with one another, we would like to dine out together at a local restaurant whenever possible.

December 4th 9:00am – noon at the Dickinson County Health Department, 1001 N. Brady, Abilene 785-263-4179 - North-Central Kansas - Smith, Jewell, Republic, Osborne, Mitchell, Cloud, Clay, Lincoln, Ottawa, Ellsworth, Saline, Dickinson.

December 16th 9:00am – noon at the Crawford County Mental Health Building, Board Room, 3101 N. Michigan, Pittsburg 620-231-5411 - Southeast Kansas – Greenwood, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Crawford, Neosho, Wilson, Elk, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, Cherokee.

December 18th 9:00am – noon at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department 200 Maine, Suite B, Section AB, Lawrence 785-843-3060 - Northeast Kansas – Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha, Marshall, Washington, Riley, Pottawatomie, Jackson, Atchison, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Douglas, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Geary, Morris, Lyon, Chase, Osage, Franklin, Miami, Linn, Anderson, Coffey.

Please contact Christine Tuck, RN, Child Health Consultant, Bureau of Children, Youth and Families for KDHE if you have any questions or concerns at 785-296-7433 or email ctuck@kdhe.state.ks.us

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to PH Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org>.



Look for the AHEC trainings at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> then go to "Additional PH Training Calendar"
NW KS AHEC - Register at: 785-628-6128.
SW KS AHEC - Register at: 620-275-0259
SE KS AHEC - Register at: 620-235-4040

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

December 2003

December 2, 12noon – 1:30pm - **The Evidence-Based Approaches for Post-Disaster - Mental Health Disorders**

December 4, 8am – 9am - **Public Health Law Related to Terrorism**

December 10, 1pm – 2pm **Comnet-Monthly WMD Video Updates** Featuring: Conducting a Mass Fatality Exercise, Recognizing signs of a WMD Incident, Perimeter Security, TOPOFF Part II

December 10, 2pm – 4pm - **Ethics in Public Health Nursing, Part 2**

January 2004

January 28, 12noon – 1:30pm - **Risk Communication**

January 30, 1pm – 2pm - **Influenza and Beyond: Responding to Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

See PHTN website at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Washburn PHN Certification Program- e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>.

National Library of Medicine –

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

CDC BT Training –

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: <http://slu.edu/centers/heartland>

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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